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Testimony on rSB 306 AA Allocating Funding for the Provision of Potable Water ...

Dear Chairmen Meyer and Gentile, Ranking Members Chapin and Shaban, and distinguished members of the Environment Committee:

I am writing this to let you know how deeply concerned I am for the health and safety of my immediate family and for my young grandchildren who I take care of during the week.

For the past several years I have watched and listened as my neighbors across the street were unfortunately plagued with contaminated well water. DEP provided them with potable water via special water filters and all our wells were tested yearly. Each year the contaminants in our water went up. It was just a matter of time when my well would be affected, and it happened this past year. My heart sank! Not only was my water contaminated, but DEP would no longer provide potable water through a special filter system, and would no longer keep tabs on this poison through yearly testing! How could this be?

This poison is one that can cause cancer and was put in our water system when a nearby dry cleaner dumped his chemicals. Other nearby streets received city water to alleviate their problems and it is only fair that we get the same respect.

I am very concerned. Weekly I purchase bottled drinking water, but must continue to shower, wash dishes, and wash clothes with water that has this poison. My little grandchildren bath in this water. Please do not turn your back on us! City water is less than a block from my house. Please help us be able to also have this city water and live a healthy life in Torrington.

I thank you for your consideration.

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